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At the FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine Workshop on Risk Assessment and the Establishment of Thresholds held in Rockville MD, on December 9-10, 1999 CVM stated that a revised version of the Risk Assessment would be placed on the Web to improve flow and consistency of the document.

A number of improvements to the wording and structure have been made to improve consistency of language and notation. Other minor changes were made to correct typographical errors and improve clarity for readers. Additional changes are listed in the bullets below:

- A section titled "Using the Model to Manage the Human Health Impact" was added to the Introduction.

- A footnote describing the denominator for the proportion of physicians requesting stools from patients with bloody diarrhea was included in Section 2.2. The model will be updated with receipt of additional data from the physician's survey increasing the denominator from 18 to 180. The larger data set will be used in the final report and will have little impact on the results except to slightly decrease model output uncertainty.

- Section 3.5 A footnote describes a recognized logical inconsistency in this parameter estimate (p_{rh}) that has not been corrected in this model. We have removed cases of campylobacteriosis attributable to sources other than chicken. Because resistance was predominantly attributed to chickens, after removal of travelers and prior fluoroquinolone use, the remaining "chicken associated cases" should reflect the level of resistance restricted to the chicken associated cases. This correction will be made in the final revision.

Interested persons should submit written comments on the draft risk assessment to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Comments should be identified with Docket Number 98D-0969. The deadline for receipt of comments has been extended to February 24, 2000.

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